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Whereas emergency medical services is a vital public service;

Whereas access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury;

Whereas efforts to establish emergency medicine as a medical specialty began twenty five years ago with the founding of the American College of Emergency Physicians in 1968;

Whereas the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty four hours a day, seven days a week;

Whereas emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others;

Whereas approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers;

Whereas the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of

hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills;

Whereas Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals;

Whereas it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

Whereas the designation of Emergency Medical Services Week will serve to educate all Americans about injury prevention and how to respond to a medical emergency: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the weeks beginning May 23, 1993, and May 15,
4 1994, are designated as “Emergency Medical Services
5 Week” and the President is authorized and requested to
6 issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United
7 States to observe such weeks with appropriate ceremonies
8 and activities.

Passed the Senate May 27 (legislative day, April 19), 1993.

Attest:

Secretary.